Letters

Taiwan issue

Editor:

On a recently televised 20/20 Show, "Holy Politics", the interviewer asked, "What makes Taiwan a christian issue?" As a free man and a christian I am twice charged with the responsibility to know the truth (John 8:32), that I, in concert with others can keep the republic. An intelligent vote is to be cast at election time.

President Carter terminated a treaty with Taiwan. What law was the authorization? "To abrogate a treaty specifically is to annul an existing law by legislative action. In the United States, a treaty becomes public law and is a law of the land because it would require the people to fulfill the treaty provisions." Century encyclopedia.

I would like to consider the President for election this November but I found nothing in the Constitution that allows a President to cancel a law.

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Praises officials

Dear Sir:

Whenever the people whom we have selected to lead and represent us in government make a mistake we quickly criticize them; and if they do something good we tend to take it for granted. So that the latter will not be the case in this instant I am writing this letter.

What I am talking about is this: Whenever cable tv came into the area I tried and tried to get it without success; then I took my problem to Mayor Spiggle and City Manager Britton and because of their efforts I now have this service.

I know that this does not seem to be very much but I am a disabled veteran and a shutin and having cable tv means a very, very great deal to me.

I think the actions of these men-which were certainly "above and beyond the call of duty"--should be called to the attention of all the citizens of Appomattox so they will know just how splendidly we are led and what wonderful people we have serving us in our city government.

Sincerely
Paul A. Hout

Disappointed

Editor:

I guess I have always lived in a world of illusion. I have always been told, and I believed, that there was no place like your own hometown, obviously not in the case of Appomattox. As much as local officials claim that they like hiring "local" people and keeping them in the county, experience tells me something entirely different. On two occassions another member of my family and I have been grazed over for jobs, in the county, that we were both very well qualified for and our county and town officials hired people from outside of the county. These people that were hired don't even have a vested interest in this county. They haven't been living here for as long as they can remember, supporting local business and paying taxes into the county to support the local schools, etc.

What can you say for a town and county that hires a town manager that doesn't live in the town he is employed by? He doesn't have the opportunity to feel the effects of the programs he has implemented in the county and town. Be it understood that I am not criticizing or complaining about the job that the town manager does, he has done some excellent things to make Appomattox a more progressive town. I am just in awe of the fact that he doesn't live in Appomattox.

What can you say for a county That would sacrifice the academic program in its schools for the sake of winning the almighty ball game? In a recent letter written by the superintendent of schools in Appomattox County he stated: "Had the assignment been only for a teacher, you would have been our top applicant. However, we felt that we needed to recruit a person who had some experience in a variety of sports."

I don't know what other things go on with the local officials, and I don't care to ever find out. I have found out by experience that you can't rely on your hometown to give you a chance, and isn't that sad--if you can't trust your hometown to give you a break in this cruel world, who can you trust?

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The Bible and daily living

By William L. Trimyer
Scripture References: Ezra 6-7
Focal Passage: Ezra 7:6-16
Review of Events

This series of Old Testament lessons on the fall and rebuilding of Jerusalem will come to an end as of August 31, 1980. At that time we shall change the focus of our study.

Chronologically speaking, we have studied the record of Cyrus and his decree that the Jewish people should return to their homeland. The people began the tedious process of rebuilding the Lord's Temple under the direction of Haggai and Zechariah. In Ezra 6, we are confronted with a description of the dedication of the restored Temple and the observance of the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread.

An Introduction of Ezra [Ezra 7:1-6, 10]

Ezra was a man of the Law, that is, his experience as a court scribe (an official position) included a thorough knowledge of the Mosaic Law. Verse 10 is a revealing one about the man Ezra. He was more than an academic scholar of the Law. His interest in the Mosaic Law went beyond a casual one. Ezra "had set his heart to study the law of the Lord" for his personal edification first and then to teach it to others.

This would seem to be a fitting formular for those who teach in any capacity but especially those who teach the Word of God. To be a good teacher and to influence our students, we must first of all reveal that we have internalized that which we attempt to teach. For example, the author would make a terrible mathematics teacher because he simply cannot get excited over math. Nor does he know very much about the subject! So, part of the qualifications for teaching is preparation.

Ezra was a part of the Exile. During his sojourn he used his time wisely by studying and learning the Law. He made the best of a bad mess!

Again, we may follow Ezra's leadership, namely, when we are in some sort of "exile" we would do well to learn something to help pass the time. For example, while convalescing after an illness or being in the hospital, we might read some books on a subject which interest us, or we might take up a hobby that has always intrigued us.

Coming Home To Jerusalem [Ezra 7:7-9]

Ezra received the blessing of the king to return to Jerusalem with a party of fellow Jews. The returning party consisted of the right kinds of persons who could rebuild the Temple. The "Levites" could assist the Temple priests in caring for the building and performing its rituals. Then there were the "singers" and the "porters" (gatekeepers). Included in the returning party were those who could act as servants.

Keep in mind that few Jews may have survived the 70 years stay in Babylon to return to their homeland. We can imagine the changes that must have taken place in that span of time. It may have been tough for many of the younger Jews to leave the security they enjoyed in Babylon to return to their ancient homeland and take up a new life. Trading security for insecurity is not an easy trade.

The trip wasn't exactly a "piece of cake!" The journey from Babylon to Jerusalem took approximately four months. Their journey (without the comforts of modern travel) took them through hazardous territory and difficult times. But Ezra led the band with the faith that God would provide the freed exiles safe conduct to their homeland.

A Royal Decree [Ezra 7:11-16]

Ezra was a serious historian. He kept good records and sought to preserve the religious heritage of his people. Ezra fortunately had the blessing and support of the king Artaxerxes. The king decreed that Ezra and the Jewish exiles could on their own freewill return to their homeland. The king even gave them gold and silver to take with them to use in restoring the Temple and the city.

It appears that the king's heart was strangely "warmed" towards the God of Israael. He was sympathetic to the exile's religious heritage and their needs to return to their homeland. His endorsement of Ezra speaks highly of the king's confidence in the leadership of Ezra.

Upon arrival in Jerusalem, Ezra discovered that his work was "cut out" for him. There was much to do in bringing about restoration of the city and the Temple. The inter-marriages of Jews and heathens were seen as an abomination. Ezra worked out a plan to dissolve such marriages. He set to work to teach the people the laws of God. The permissiveness of the people had marred their vision of right and wrong.

Ezra demonstrated something our society might profit from, namely, that permissiveness may blur our sense of rightness and wrongness.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Va.

THE ACHS SENIOR future Homemakers of America chapter met Aug. 13. Topics of discussion were school-year activities, money-making projects, and National FHA business. The chosen theme for the year is "FHA: Future Healthy America." Pictured here are (from left) Laura Walton, Eve Thomas, Joan Williams, Joanie Canada, (back row, from left) Sherry Roope, Jane Guill, Cheryl Walton, Susan Goggins, Regina Goggins, Sharon Davis. Chapter advisor is Mrs. Betty Jo Smith.

Donate blood Aug. 28

The Bloodmobile will make its regular visit to Appomattox on Thursday Aug. 28.

It will be set up as usual at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m.

According to Bloodmobile spokesman, Alice Martin, "All eligible donors are needed. Don't wait for someone else. You never know when someone in your own family will need blood. Let's make sure it's there when we need it. If you have never started giving blood, now is the time to start."

Mets slate

Scout night

Scout night will be held at the Lynchburg Mets game Saturday night (Aug. 23) at City Stadium.

Gates will open at 5 p.m., and registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Admission will be fifty cents for anyone in a scouting uniform.

There will be a run, hit and pitch contest before the game. Prizes will be awarded. This is a summer event for all scout leaders and their families.

Robinson promoted

Navy Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Samuel S. Robinson, son of Selmon and Kathy Robinson of Route 2, Box 96, Concord, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach, Va.

A 1978 graduate of Appomattox County High School, Appomattox, Va., he joined the Navy in September 1978.

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The pastor speaks

Journey with God

By EDWARD LEONARD

Whether it was written for him or he adopted it, the song "Thanks for the memories" immediately brings Bob Hope to mind. He sings it at the close of every show and captures in song the people and experiences of the cast and crew.

When we go on vacation, we usually shop for some souvenir that will show where we have been. The souvenir also evokes memories of the trip or visit.

Souvenir shops are very popular at resort areas and tourist spots. They are usually filled with people looking for some trinket to take back home and put on the shelf. There it is soon forgotten and gathering dust.

When we go to visit new places, we spend too much time looking at the same knick-knacks when the real souvenirs are in travel, sights, experiences and fellowship.

If you took a trip this year, or in the past, what do you remember about it? How did it affect you? How did it help you grow as a person? Our memories are not to be put on the shelf, there to gather dust and fade into oblivion.

Our faith in God is a pilgrimate, a journey. What kind of memories do we carry with us? Some people concern themselves with religious trinkets, souvenirs of time and place. The memories important to the Christian faith are experiences of being close to and obedient to God, and in loving relationship with others.

A lot of people treat the church and their religion like they do vacations. They can say "I've been there" and show a lot of souvenirs. But like traveling, to talk only of where you have been and not plan to travel anymore makes life boring, and others become bored with us.

When Jesus asked us to celebrate his last meal in remembrance of him, it was to be like a traveling road show. It helps us move on into other new and exciting experiences of faith.

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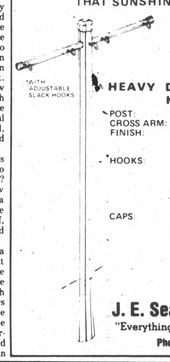

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Miss Glenda Faye Doss

Miss Kreidel weds Mr. Hinnant

A garden at the antebellum home of Mr. and Mrs. Randal Bailey Currin of Warrenton was the setting Saturday afternoon, August 16, of the wedding of Gloria Ellen Kreidel and David Franklin Hinnant. The Rev. George E. Kreidel, Sr., father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride wore her mother's full-length wedding gown which had a lace bodice, featuring a sweetheart neckline, and a candlelight ivory skirt overlaid with net. She also wore a necklace made from the pearls of her mother's wedding headdress. The bride's headpiece was of nylon net adorned with clusters of pearls. Her bridal bouquet was a cascade arrangement of a variety of white silk flowers with yellow sweetheart roses.

Gina Elizabeth Kreidel, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a floor-length lace gown of summer green with a ruffled neckline and a flared skirt with a wide ruffle. She carried a nosegay of silk mixed summer flowers.

Randal B. Currin, Jr., young nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Lillianne Holland Currin, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She carried a small white wicker basket filled with daisies.

John Franklin Hinnant of Wilson, brother of the groom, was best man.

Prior to the ceremony, the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Hinnant of Fremont, hosted a luncheon for the wedding party at the Carriage House Restaurant in Warrenton.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride, Rev. and Mrs. George E. Kreidel, Sr., of Spout Spring, Virginia, entertained at a reception for the wedding party and close relatives in the home of the Randal Bailey Currins, sister and brother in-law of the groom. During the reception, William H. Rose of Fremont, great uncle of the groom, entertained with piano music.

The bride is a rising senior at East Carolina University, where she will receive a B. A. degree in special education. The groom is a rising senior at East Carolina University and will be awarded a B.S.P degree in physics.

Miss Moore is wed to Mr. Campbell

The marriage of Ellen Allfair Moore to Ronald Hayden Campbell took place, Saturday, August 16, at 7 o'clock in the evening at the summer home of the bride's parents, Buggs Island, Boyton, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs William Bert Hall of Petersburg, Virginia and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hayden Campbell of Appomattox.

Rev. David Drinkard, Pastor of Ft. Hill United Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

The bride wore a full length gown of ivory lace over satin and carried a bouquet of long stemmed yellow roses with baby's breath. In her hair she also wore a band of yellow rosebuds and baby's breath. To compliment her dress she wore a single string of antique pearls worn by her great, great grandmother on her wedding day.

Mrs. Frank Gall, Sister of the Bride was Matron of Honor and William Andrew Gall, nephew of the bride was ring bearer. Mr. Campbell served as his son's best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained with a reception on the terrace of their home. Presiding at the punch bowl was Mrs. Frank L. Thomas of Appomattox, cousin of the bridegroom and the weddin cake was served by Mrs. Jack Barney, of Petersburg, Virginia.

The bride is a graduate of Petersburg High School and attended J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Va., and is presently employed with the Virginia State Police in Fairfax, Virginia.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and attended Liberty Baptist College and Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg. He is a graduate of the Virginia State Police Academy in Richmond, Virginia and is employed with the State Police in Salem, Virginia.

After a Southern wedding trip the couple will live in Salem, Virginia.

Miss Butler weds Mr. Stainback

The marriage of Miss Patricia Jane Butler of Appomattox to Robert Gill Stainback of Lynchburg, took place August 10, 1980 at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ardmore Desmon Butler of Louisa and the late Mr. Butler. The groom is the son of Mrs. Billy Gill Stainback of Henderson, N. C. and the late Mr. Stainback.

The Rev. Rex F. Bennett officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Assisting ministers were the Rev. Beverly R. Cosby of Lynchburg and the Rev. Garland Sparks of Louisa.

Mrs. Joyce Vaughan was organist, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Howren of Richmond rendered nuptical vocal selections. They sang "Time in a Bottle", "You Needed Me", "Longer", "The Lord's Prayer", and "Wedding Song".

Escorted by her uncle, Charles Claude Hamlin of Tampa, Fla., the bride was given in marriage by her uncle and mother.

The bride wore an Empire-style gown of candlelight bridal satin featur in a yoke of candlelight lace. Her A-line skirt had a border of the same lace as did the long sleeves and the chapel length train. Her veil of illusion fell from a seed pearl and lace haed piece. She carried a cascade bouquet of eggshell cymbidium orchids with ivy and delphinium florets. The church was decorated with candelabra, ferns, ivy and white and blue floral arrangements.

Mrs. Evelyn Ford was matron of honor. She wore a floor length gown of blue jacquard satin with sheer capelet. She carried a bouquet of blue starflowers and white miniature carnations in a cresent arrangement on a wicker base. Other bridesmaids were: Miss Karen Knapp, Mrs. Linda Mays and Mrs. Theresa Crawford, all of Appomattox, and Miss Jessie Reter of Richmond. Miss Reagan Stainback of Lynchburg was junior bridesmaid. They all wore dresses identical to that of the honor attendant and carried identical bouquets. Flower girl was Miss Alison Lawson of Appomattox, who wore a miniature version of the bridesmaids dresses and carried a basket of white rose petals. Ian Stainback of Lynchburg was ring bearer.

Dr. Steven Salay of Lynchburg was best man. Ushers were: Jerry Baker, Madison Heights, Va., Alan Caudill of Alexandria, Va., Stanley Bird of Chapel Hill, N. C., and David Lovett of El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Butler chose for her daughter's wedding a floor length dress of light green knit polyester trimmed with white lace edging. She wore a corsage of eggshell cymbidium orchid. The mother of the groom wore a floor length dress of cranberry knit polyester with a blouson effect and V-neck line. She also wore an orchid corsage.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

After a Southern wedding trip the couple will make their home in Appomattox where the bride is employed by the Appomattox County School Board, and the groom is director of UniServ for the Central Virginia Area.

Miss Doss to wed Mr. Page

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Doss announce the engagement of their daughter, Glenda Faye, to Samuel Lee Page Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Page, all of Appomattox.

Miss Doss is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by J. W. Conner Insurance Agency.

Mr. Page is a gradaute of Appomattox County High School and Central Virginia Community College and is employed by Courtland Manufactures, Inc.

A June wedding is planned.

Mr. Tucker celebrates 95th birthday

Mr. James H. Tucker celebrated his 95th birthday Sunday, Aug. 3 at the home of his son and daughter-in law, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker of Spout Spring, Va.

Out-of town visitors were, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Tucker and son, Danny of Newark, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Owens, Mr. Troy Tucker of Birchleaf, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Tucker of Goatesville, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Tucker of New Castle, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hensley, Lisa Thomas of Limestone, Tenn., Miss Viola Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Tucker and Tom, Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker and son, Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tucker and family, all of Wilmington, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collins, Eric Jennings of Forest, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones and daughter, Tammy, Billie Johnson of Brookneal, Va.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. William Harry Alvis, of Lynchburg announce the birth of a son, William Harvey Alvis, Jr., born Monday, Aug. 11 at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr., of Concord.

Garden club plans meeting

The Appomattox Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the club year on Monday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., at St. Anne's Parish Hall.

Mrs. Susan Holland, Regional Coordinator for Creative Expressions, will present a special program consisting of a slide show on the history of needlework, as well as conduct a work shop on the techniques involved in this art. Mrs. Holland, married to a former Appomattox native, John Ivey Holland, Jr., has had considerable experience in the field of needlecraft, including work as an instructor on the staff of the Santie Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida.

Mrs. Richard Robinson, club president, will conduct the business session and the hospitality committee will provide refreshments for the social hour following the program.

Concord club slates meeting

The Concord Garden Club held its August meeting in the home of Mrs. James Hammond with Mrs. Kelly Webb as co-hostess. Mrs. Emma Mae Braund gave devotions using "Why Flowers Were Made" and the Garden Prayer.

There were two guests: Mrs. Charles Graf of Concord and Mrs. Frank Brown of Forest. The later was the guest speaker. She gave recognition to Mrs. James Hancock, Jr. by speaking of many things she had done for and with the Concord Garden Club and others and presented her with the Garden Club pin and a Life Membership in Garden Clubs of Virginia. At such time, the club honoring one, pays $50.00 to a fund for upkeep of Nature Camp at Vesurvius, Virginia.

Mrs. Brown conducted an open judging session that proved to be most interesting and helpful.

Results of the day's judging: "Green and white in Crystal"-Mrs. John Woolridge-Blue; Mrs. James Hancock, Jr.-Blue; Mrs. Charles F. Jones-Red. LINE ARRANGEMENT: Zinnias in oriental container-Blue. PLANTS: Boston Fern-Blue-Mrs. Charles F. Jones; Bayb Tears and Variegated Nephthytis-Blue-Mrs. James F. MacKenzie. SPECIMEN: Mrs. J. W. Pratt-Blue-Coleus (collection) Dirty Miller, Marigold (Dorebloom), Red-Zinna "Sugarplum", Zinnia Tiny cupid, False spirea. Yellow-Delphinium, petunia ("Summer Sunshine"), Mrs. J. Hancock, Jr., Tiny Pink Rose - Blue, Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie - Lantana - Blue Red-Marigold and Butter Bush.

Mr. and Ms. John Andrew Chaney

Miss Helms is wed to Mr. Chaney

The marriage of Miss Tara Gail Helms to John Andrew Chaney took place Saturday, Aug. 9, 1980 at the Vera Church of God.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Helms of Vera and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. John L. Chaney and the late Mr. Chaney of Suffolk, Va.

The Rev. Charles Helms, pastor of the church, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

Miss Lerita Ann Helms, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Terri Ramell Helms, also a sister of the bride, was flower girl.

Jimmy Norman Bryant, Jr., of Smithfield was best man, and ring bearer was Joe Floyd Long of Suffolk, Va.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Mullins presented a program of wedding music.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception at their home.

Society news

Mrs. Evelyn Roach and Mrs. Sue Lawson have recently returned from Baltimore, Maryland where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Roach's grandson and Mrs. Lawson's brother, Steve Raitzyk to Vicky Cross. Mrs. Lawson was a bridesmaid in the afternoon wedding.

Mrs. Roach was called to Maryland earlier because of the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie Warch. Mrs. Roach would appreciate the sincere prayers of concerned friends.

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